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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Lee A. Casteel, 35, also known as Junebug, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to 15 years in federal prison without parole.

On May 17, 2005, **Casteel** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between March 26, 2003, and Sept. 23, 2003.

Casteel was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 26, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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